

WINTER 2025

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The busiest time of year is here! We have lots of reminders, ideas, and suggestions in this newsletter. Remember to check the Edgeworth Borough Facebook page and website to keep up with events and announcements. Feel free to call the Borough office with any questions!



## NO INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX RATE

The 2026 property tax rate will remain unchanged at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). This marks the twenty-third consecutive year without a tax increase. Edgeworth Borough Council will set the property tax millage rate and adopt the 2026 budget during their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on December 16<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing on the proposed budget is also scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in the Council Chambers of the Edgeworth Borough Building. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the Borough Office during regular business hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays.

## EDGEWORTH EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND



In recognition of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff) throughout the year, Mayor Gary Smith would like to ask any residents wishing to contribute to the Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund to either mail their checks to the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143, or drop them off at your convenience. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

## FINAL LEAF COLLECTION

The leaf truck will make its final pass along each Borough street beginning the week of December 1st. We ask that all residents have their yards raked and leaves ready for curbside pick-up at that time. Remember to separate leaves from branches and brush as they are collected with two different machines. Brush collection will continue to occur every Friday throughout the year. The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk during the spring for a two-week period. In between these times, leaves and other yard waste can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management's regular Wednesday pickups.



## WAY HOLLOW ROAD

After several long years, Way Hollow Road has officially reopened to the public! As a popular thoroughfare between Edgeworth Borough and Sewickley Heights Borough, reopening Way Hollow Road is expected to alleviate increased traffic on Chestnut Road. However, it is important to note that since being turned over to Edgeworth Borough, the speed limit on Way Hollow Road has been lowered to 25 MPH, as with all other residential Borough roads. Edgeworth Police have installed a speed box on and will be closely monitoring traffic on the road. As more and more young families move into Edgeworth, please help us and law enforcement keep everyone safe and slow down on residential roads!

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage collection will be NOT be delayed for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day this year. Please place your cans out for collection on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Keep in mind that garbage may not be placed at the curb for collection more than twenty-four hours in advance. Due to the large amount of waste generated during the holiday season, it often takes longer to complete collection of the entire Borough, particularly the week after Christmas. If your garbage is not collected by 5:00 pm on Thursday, please contact the Borough office on Friday morning.

Additionally, residents may utilize the cardboard dumpsters at the Recycling Center for cardboard that does not fit into curbside bins, however all boxes must be broken down. Boxes that are intact fill up the dumpster and are difficult to empty. Please be cognizant of recycling this time of year as everyone generates more waste during the holidays!

## Holiday Recycling

What's Nice?	What's Naughty?
 <p><b>Paper Greeting Cards</b> Paper only. No photo cards, no cards with metallic foil, glitter.</p>	 <p><b>String Lights</b> String lights of any size belong in your Big Blue Cart</p>
 <p><b>Craft Paper</b> Wrapping paper and bags. Throw away bag handles.</p>	 <p><b>Wreaths &amp; Greens</b> Toss in Big Blue, or compost fresh greens if you have a compost pile at home.</p>
 <p><b>Cardboard Boxes</b> Corrugated shipping boxes and gift boxes.</p>	 <p><b>Christmas Tree</b> Whether real or artificial, set your tree out for your monthly bulky pick-up.</p>
 <p><b>Catalogs</b> Magazines, direct mail, catalogs.</p>	 <p><b>Tinsel &amp; Ornaments</b> Toss the tinsel in your Big Blue, with lights and other tangles.</p>
 <p><b>Cardboard Tubes</b> Cardboard tubes from wrapping paper, paper towels and toilet paper.</p>	 <p><b>Plastic Bags of Any Kind</b></p>
 <p><b>Glass</b> Glass, bottles and jars - empty and rinsed out.</p>	 <p><b>Wrapping Paper, Gift Bags and Crepe Paper</b></p>
 <p><b>Aluminum and Steel</b> Aluminum foil, cans and cookware (cleaned).</p>	 <p><b>That Ugly Christmas Sweater</b> Sweater and other clothing</p>
 <p><b>Plastic Bottles and Tubs</b> Water and drink bottles, detergent bottles, yogurt, sour cream and other containers.</p>	 <p><b>Ribbons and Bows</b> Save these for another year or toss in Big Blue.</p>



## SEWICKLEY LIGHT UP NIGHT

Sewickley Light Up Night is a special holiday event that the community has come to look forward to every year. It's a magical evening filled with a variety of activities, food and fun spread throughout Sewickley Borough. This year's event will feature live performances on two stages, horse-drawn carriage rides, an ice sculpting contest, walk-in snow globe, face painting, crafts, games, food trucks, and of course Santa Claus! The festive evening will end with fireworks at 8 PM. For more information, please visit [www.SewickleyBorough.org](http://www.SewickleyBorough.org).

## ADA PARKING

You may have noticed that the project in front of the Borough building has been completed! We are proud to let residents know that the Borough now has two ADA-compliant parking spaces available for your use when stopping by the Borough offices or police department. Thank you for your patience during this project!



## RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING

As the holiday season approaches, many of us will be decorating our houses and properties with lights. Please keep in mind a few of the following recommendations!

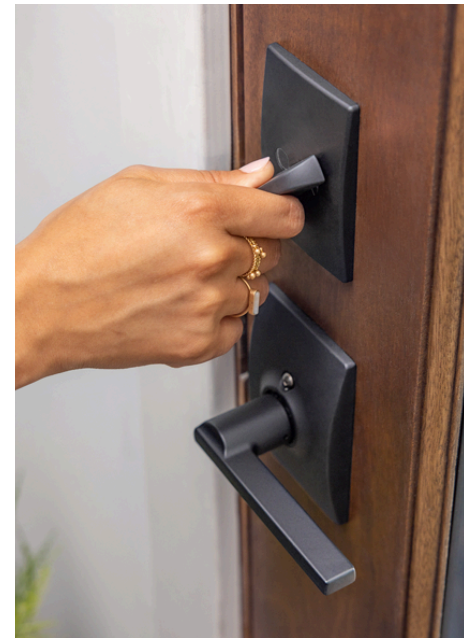
- Avoid lights that excessively flash, strobe, flicker, or change colors, as they can be distracting to passing drivers.
- Spotlights or other accent lighting should be contained to your property only and not spill over into neighboring lots.
- We encourage residents to make sure decorative lighting is turned off during the early morning hours (ex: between 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM). Not only does this conserve electricity, but it also darkens our neighborhoods while residents are sleeping.

## KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

According to FBI data, there is a consistent spike in property crimes during the month of December, which is often the highest month for such incidents. This is due to many factors, including increased shopping and shipping, increased travel, and longer periods of darkness. See below for some tips and tricks to help keep your home safe this holiday season!

- Ensure all windows and doors have strong and operating locks and keep them locked.
- Install motion-activated outdoor lighting.
- Consider installing a security system, alarm, or security cameras, such as Ring doorbells.
- Do not hide spare keys outside.
- Use timers to turn lights, radios, or televisions on and off if traveling.
- Ask a neighbor to collect mail and packages if you are not home.
- Have a trusted neighbor park a car in your driveway if traveling.

Please call the Police Department at 412-741-9400 with any home safety concerns.



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Residents may leave Christmas trees out for disposal at the curb! Trees will be collected with regular Friday brush pick-up. Brush pick-up occurs every Friday throughout the year, even during the winter months. Feel free to put your Christmas tree out for pick-up during any of those days!

Please make sure all lights and ornaments are taken off your Christmas trees before putting them out! Any lights, ornaments, or other decorations can cause damage to our machine and potential danger to our Public Works employees. Thank you!



# FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF BURRETT: E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS

As the holiday shopping season approaches, we understand that many parents may be considering an e-bike or electric scooter as the perfect Christmas gift. However, it is important to note the laws and regulations regarding these two modes of transportation before you make a purchase.

Pennsylvania law is quite strict when it comes to electric scooters on public roads. The state considers them vehicles, meaning they are not exempt from titling and registration requirements as set forth by PennDOT, and would be required to pass equipment standards and inspection requirements. However, most electric scooters don't have the necessary equipment (turn signals, mirrors, etc) to meet these registration and inspection requirements. Please see below for electric scooter rules and regulations:

- Electric scooters, like electric skateboards, cannot be legally operated on public roadways, they can only be operated on private property.
- Pennsylvania law also prohibits electric scooters on sidewalks.
- There is no minimum age requirement for electric scooters.



In Pennsylvania, an e-bike is considered a "pedacycle with electric assist", provided it meets certain criteria. Please see below for e-bike rules and regulations:

- The electric motor must be under 750 watts.
- The e-bike must have a maximum speed capability of 20 MPH on a level surface when powered by the motor source only
- E-bikes are allowed in bike lanes on roadways, given that the operator obeys all relevant traffic laws.
- E-bikes are allowed on sidewalks, but not in a business district.
- The MINIMUM age to operate an e-bike is 16 years old.
- The e-bike must weigh less than 100 pounds.
- Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.

While helmets are not required by law for either of these modes of transportation, please educate children on helmet safety, encourage them to wear helmets, and ensure they always protect their heads

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EDGEWORTH BOROUGH!



## SPREAD THE HOLIDAY CHEER!

Below are a few local organizations that support those in need! Consider a donation to one of these this holiday season!

